

Washington Aqueduct: EPA Draft Permit Open for Public Comment

The Environmental Protection Agency is inviting comment on a draft permit to regulate the discharge of water treatment solids from the Army Corps of Engineers' Washington Aqueduct water treatment operations. Periodic discharge of these solids to the Potomac River has been the subject of considerable interest from many sources in the past year. EPA's draft permit makes some important modifications to the conditions under which discharges may occur. The EPA draft permit also uses a recently [completed water quality study](#) to support its proposed modifications. Additionally, the draft permit would require planning for a future reduction in the quantity of sediment returned to the Potomac River. A summary of the draft permit's new requirements, along with the links to the draft permit and the public comment process, is available at <http://washingtonaqueduct.nab.usace.army.mil/permit.htm>

For more information on the Washington Aqueduct, visit the Baltimore District home page at: <http://washingtonaqueduct.nab.usace.army.mil>.

[Facts on Washington Aqueduct Discharges into the Potomac River](#)